Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("——"), as is applicable:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for print-to-mail notification, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing;

identifying attributes of the print-to-mail format document; and

generating notification information that identifies that the print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing comprises detecting printing, folding, and sealing of the print-to-mail document.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing comprises receiving a notice from a print-to-mail device component that a print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ identifying document attributes comprises identifying at least one of a name of the document, a date the document was printed, and a name of a user.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ identifying document attributes comprises identifying at least one of a customer name, a customer number, a billing period to which the document pertains.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ generating notification information comprises generating notification information that identifies at least one of the document attributes.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting notification information to a computing device.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of~~ transmitting notification information comprises transmitting notification information to a remote computing device via a network.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of~~ transmitting notification information comprises transmitting the information to a database from which data contained within the print-to-mail format document originated.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the database is supported by a network-based database management system.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the notification information within memory of a print-to-mail device that printed, folded, and sealed the print-to-mail format document.

12. (Currently amended) A system for print-to-mail notification, comprising:

means for determining that a print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing;

means for identifying attributes of the print-to-mail format document; and

means for generating notification information that identifies that the print-to-mail format document has been printed, folded, and sealed as a mailing.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the means for identifying document attributes comprise means for identifying at least one of a name of the document, a date the document was printed, and a name of a user.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the means for identifying document attributes comprise means for identifying at least one of a customer name, a customer number, a billing period to which the document pertains.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising means for transmitting notification information to a computing device.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the means for transmitting notification information comprise means for transmitting notification information to a remote computing device via a network.

17.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 12, further comprising means for storing the notification information within memory of a print-to-mail device that printed folded, and sealed the print-to-mail format document.

18.   (Currently amended) A print-to-mail device, comprising:

a processing device;

hard copy generation hardware;

a folding mechanism;

a sealing mechanism; and

memory including a print-to-mail notifier configured to generate notification information pertinent to printing, folding, and sealing of a print-to-mail format document as a mailing.

19.   (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the hard copy generation hardware comprises a print engine.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the notifier is configured to identify at least one attribute of the print-to-mail format document.

22. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the memory further comprises a database adapted to store the notification information.

23. (Original) The device of claim 18, further comprising a network interface device adapted to transmit notification information to a computing device via a network.

24. (Original) The device of claim 18, further comprising an embedded web server that supports a print-to-mail service that is accessible over a network.

25. (Original) The device of claim 24, wherein the service comprises a print-to-mail web service that is accessible over the Internet.

26. (New) The device of claim 21, wherein the at least one attribute comprises at least one of a name of the document, a date the document was printed, and a name of a user.

27.   (New) The device of claim 21, wherein the at least one attribute comprises at least one of a customer name, a customer number, a billing period to which the document pertains.

28.   (New) A device comprising:

a processing device;

a print engine configured to print documents;

a folding mechanism configured to fold the printed documents;

a sealing mechanism configured to seal the folded documents; and

memory including a print-to-mail notifier configured to generate a notification that confirms printing, folding, and sealing of multiple documents as mailings, the notification comprising information as to the intended recipients of the mailings such that the notification comprises a record of recipients who presumably will receive a mailing.

29.   (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the recipients are customers of a business and the mailings comprise bills that are to be mailed to the customers.

30.   (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the notifier is configured to transmit the notification to a database from which data contained within the mailings originated.

31.   (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the notifier is configured to transmit the notification to a user via a network.

32.   (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the notifier is configured to store the notification in the memory of the device.